

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

RAKHA HARI DAS, *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/725,994

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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING PATHOGENIC  
MYCOBACTERIA IN CLINICAL SPECIMENS

**Confirmation No. 5203**

Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Rodney P. SWARTZ

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2008, to which the time for response was set to expire November 19, 2008. A Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith to extend the date for response to December 19, 2008. The pending claims, claims 1-7, 9 and 11-19, were rejected. Reconsideration and entry of the following amendments are respectfully requested.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.